



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

COMPLIANCE TOXICOLOGY LLC

Respondent Name

STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-3962-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 45

MFDR Date Received

August 07, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please accept this letter as a supplement to our Form DWC060 request for MFDR. The charges referenced herein were filed with the Carrier and reduced as "procedure was included/bundled within the value of another procedure". Request for Reconsideration was additionally denied maintaining the original decision."

Amount in Dispute: \$1,010.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Upon notification of this dispute the Office performed a review of the dispute packet received from Compliance Toxicology. The Office determined that the medical fee dispute was not timely filed to TDI-DWC within one year from date of service pursuant to §Rule 133.307(c) (1). The office respectfully requests the Division to dismiss this dispute in accordance with Rule 133.307 (f)(3)(D)."

Response Submitted by: STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT 300 W15TH AUSTIN TX 78703

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
April 29, 2014	Urinary drug screening	\$1,010.00	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and applicable rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - 86 – Service performed was distinct or independent from other services performed on the same day

- 97 – Payment adjusted because the benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated
- 243 – The charge for this procedure was not paid since the value of this procedure is included/bundled within the value of another procedure performed
- 309 – The charge for this procedure exceeds the fee schedule allowance
- P12 – Workers’ Compensation Jurisdictional Fee Schedule Adjustment
- W3 – Additional payment made on appeal/reconsideration
- 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. This claim was processed properly the first time
- 1241 – No additional reimbursement allowed after review of appeal/reconsideration/request for second review

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states:

Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute.

The date of the service in dispute is April 29, 2014. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on August 07, 2015. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division’s MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	8/28/15 Date
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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012**.

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.